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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 5664 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 10 JUL.

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SUBJ: SHORT TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES (STAG) AND GOI REQUEST FOR
SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISER

1. IN CONVERSATION ON JULY 9, LABOR MINISTER MOINI ASKED
EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE ABOUT
STAG PROGRAM BECAUSE IRAN HAD NOT BEEN OFFERED ANY LABOR OR MAN-
POWER STAGS IN SOME TIME. LATER IN DAY MINISTER-DESIGNATE OF NEW
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DR SHOJAEDIN SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH, EX-
PRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OBTAINING STAGS IN SOCIAL SECUR-
ITY, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER FIELDS RELATED TO
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MINISTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF TOP CALIBER HEW EXPERT FOR THIRTY TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS TO ADVISE HIMIN ORGANIZING NEW MINISTRY. GOI WOULD PAY FULL COSTS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. AS HEAD OF IRANIAN REHABILITATION SOCIETY, SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH BROUGHT OVER SEVERAL NOTED REHAB SPECIALISTS AT SOCIETY'S EXPENSE AND IS PLEASED WITH RESULTS. HE EXPECTS THAT LAW ESTABLISHING HIS MINISTRY WILL BE FINALLY APPROVED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS (BILL HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN LOWER HOUSE). BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW MINISTRY WERE OUTLINED IN EMBASSY'S A-95, JUNE 26. MINISTER-DESIGNATE IS US-TRAINED ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, APPARENTLY HAND PICKED FOR JOB BECAUSE OF HIS DYNAMISM, VITALITY AND REPUTATION FOR EXECUTIVE ABILITY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A. PLEASE ADVISE US (INFO ANKARA FOR RLA) OF PRESENT STATUS REGIONAL STAG PROGRAM IN LABOR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELATED FIELDS, AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING SEVERAL STAGS IN NEXT SIX MONTHS.
B. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SHEIKHOESLAMZADEH'S REQUEST FOR HIGHLY COMPETENT TECHNICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO HELP ORGANIZE NEW SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY AND WOULD APPRECIATE HEW'S VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUCH A PERSON.
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